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Bohemian Border Area 25X1A

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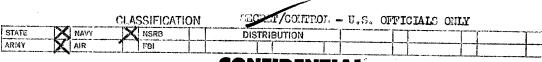
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- 1. To improve security the west Bohemian border area has been divided into the following zones:
 - a. The forbidden zone, which has a width of from 1 km to 8 km. No one is permitted to live there except SHB members and essential workers such as gamekeepers and forest laborers.
 - b. Beyond this forbidden zone, the border zone which is up to 20 km from the boundary. Entry is allowed only to those persons who have permits from the SNB district headquarters for the districts in which they live as well as clearance from the border districts to be entered. All unreliable Germans have been removed to the interior or to Western Germany, and only roliable Czech Communists have remained in the area.
- The dividing line between the forbidden zone and the border zone consists of a road, about 500 m wide, which runs rarallel with the boundary. This line is guarded by reinforced ABB units and is very difficult to cross.
- 3. SNB members have received additional equipment. Besides sh-machine guns and pistols, they have been armed with hard grenades and flares. Patrols consisting of 3 to 6 men walk along the roads and through the woods. There are also permanent guards who are stationed in well-camouflaged trenches and shelters and guards on motorcycles. During the night guards are reinforced.
- In the Furth im Wald area, however, it proved difficult to divide the border region because it was inhabited solely by Czechs. Therefore, the forbidden zone is not as wide here as elsewhere along the west Bohemian border, and the border zone is only 1 or 2 km from the boundary line.



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